

# *The Heterodyne*

*Newsletter of the West Valley Amateur Radio Association*

## **March Meeting**

***All Things Elecraft  
by Eric Swartz, WA6HHQ***

**Wednesday, March 13  
Meeting Starts at 7pm**

Meeting Location:  
American Red Cross,  
Silicon Valley Chapter  
2731 N. First Street at Plumeria Dr  
(southwest corner) in San Jose

<b>WVARA Repeaters (W6PIY)</b>		
<b>Band</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>PL</b>
6 Meters	52.580- MHz	151.4 Hz
2 Meters	147.39+ MHz	151.4 Hz
1.25 Meters	223.96- MHz	156.7 Hz
0.70 Meter	441.35+ MHz	88.5 Hz
0.23 Meter	1286.2- MHz	100 Hz

## **Club Net**

WVARA's club net is on the W6PIY repeaters each Tuesday at 8:30 pm. All repeaters are linked together during the net. The net script can be found at [www.wvara.org/net.html](http://www.wvara.org/net.html).

***Visitors Are Welcome!***

## **President's Letter**

We all love toys, eh? Radio toys to be more specific, though probably others also. With that, we seem to accumulate lots of them over time. But what happens when they start collecting dust because newer additions to the shack have become more interesting? There have been a couple of incidents recently which got me thinking about this. One set was around needing equipment and others were about finding equipment.

There are a fair number of new hams coming into the hobby, whom we all need to support and nurture at every opportunity, but that is a rant for another day. What we can do here is to dig through our shacks and see what equipment was helpful when we were new at this and see how that can help another new ham. You are certainly allowed to get a fair price if you so desire, but you also have another benefit: you know what a new ham needs. You understand the HT market, the most straight forward HF antenna setup, and other ways to help them through the early phases of getting started. You could also probably help them get there with a more modest price tag than brand new stores could. As a bonus, you now have a stronger bond with a new ham to help them along.



There are also more sources for equipment than I expected. Recently, a WVARA ham got a fully functional KX3 (with AT and mic) at a garage sale for \$200. Another new ham got a free old HT from another ham (battery condition unclear). At our own meetings, there is often a ham bringing some parts “free to a good home” – so why aren’t there questions such as “Does anyone have an unused rotor?” Here, we need to look around for the next source of our new toys in places we may not have considered before. I once sold \$200 of Heathkit gear on eBay before I realized I probably could have gotten \$2000. Bad for me, but good for the other hams. I hope they got good use out of that gear. There are deals and opportunities everywhere. Where do you find your gear?

In short, let’s help each other with parts – new and old hams alike. Our interests change, which leaves equipment unused in our garages and closets. At the same time, our new interests need new parts. As we find those new parts, spread the word about where they are. We’d all like to know how to get a KX3 for \$200, eh?

See you at the meeting!

Bobby K0XI

## **March Meeting Topic**

### ***Eric Swartz, WA6HHQ***

Eric Swartz, WA6HHQ and Wayne Burdick, N6KR founded Elecraft in 1998 to create high-performance HF radios in kit form. Since then they’ve designed numerous highly-rated radios and accessories. Their design philosophy enables hams to purchase fully-functioning base models that can be customized with additional components or features as user interests and budgets desire.

## **Treasurer’s Report**

### **Submitted by Peri Frantz, KI6SLX**

**[treasurer@wvara.org](mailto:treasurer@wvara.org)**

Those who care about such things may notice the lack of activity and position financial reports for the last few months. When I started as Treasurer, I had no idea how few transactions we conducted each month and implemented monthly reports. Now, I find that they are a lot of extra work for only a few transactions per month, and am reducing them to quarterly reports. In the future you can expect quarterly reports in the April, July, & Oct. Heterodyne, and a final year report in January, with corrections as needed.

Most of our income is from dues or the flea market, and most of our expenses are once a year events. To date 29 people have paid dues for 2019 or are family members, and 49 are grandfathered in because they paid for 2018. We also have 3 life members. If you have not paid for 2019 yet, please do so, either at a meeting or via PayPal on the website ([wvara.org/membership](http://wvara.org/membership)). To confirm that you are current, access the roster at the bottom of the membership page. Let me know if you need the credentials. To protect your privacy, only current members can have the credentials. If you are not on the roster, your dues are overdue. If you have paid and are not there, let me know.

***New Member***  
***The following new member***  
***joined WVARA recently:***  
***Eddie Steiner, KF6KOW***  
***Welcome!!!***

<b>WVARA Net Check-Ins (W6PIY)</b>					
<b>Tuesdays at 8:30 PM</b>					
<b>Call Sign</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>2/12/19</b>	<b>2/19/19</b>	<b>2/26/19</b>	<b>3/05/19</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>
AA6RB	Roy		X		
AF6AE	Bill	X		X	
AG6YO	Kevin	X			
AI6NT	Henry	X		X	
KA6LAV	Paul			X	
KC6ZKT	Steve			X	
KF6EMB	Svend	X	X	X	X
KF6UTE	Casey			X	
KJ6VYI	Paul			X	
KK6VF	Kevin	NET	NET	NET	NET
N6BTU	Wayne	X	X	X	
N6FYR	Matt	X		X	
N9CU	Andy		X	X	
W6BG	Max			X	
W6BG	Max				X
W6ESL	Tom	X	X	X	X
W6IA	Mark	X	X		X
W6MNL	Steve			X	
W8RJL	Ron				X
WB6JHI	Steve			X	
WB6KHP	Dave	X	X	X	X
WD9DD	Russ			X	
WR3K	Greg				X
WR6Z	Dave	X		X	X

**Electronics Flea Market - April 13**  
<https://www.electronicfleamarket.com/schedule>

**WVARA's December 12 Holiday Party**  
**Photos by Paul Sherman, KA6LAV**



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